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Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
Honorable Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner
Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner
Honorable Geoffrey Starks, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554


Reference: WT Docket No. 17-200, In the Matter of Review of the Commission's Rules Governing the 896-901/935-940 MHz Band

Dear Chairman Pai and Commissioners O'Rielly, Carr, Rosenworcel and Starks:

The Commission's recent Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to re-align the 900 MHz band for broadband services is a significant, positive step forward for our company. [Encore Network, Inc.] is a vendor of wireless LTE communications equipment ("and / or services") that provides resilient and secure communications for the utilities]. Our critical infrastructure client base includes some the largest utilities ("and other industries") in the United States. Those utilities are now seeking equipment that can be deployed quickly with limited development costs. Having the 900 MHz band as a private broadband option, our clients' industrial requirements, could be met in a time frame that is consistent with their need for a standard platform for wireless communications. It would also allow us to expand our Private LTE offerings and continue the future development and constant innovation in wireless equipment at scale.

Moving forward, the 900 MHz band offers our clients an opportunity to pursue a range of capabilities and options that not only will help the utility industry, but very likely will help other industries that are similarly situated. Through the evolution of the Industrial IoT marketplace, the availability of private networks that can meet our safety and security needs and the global scale of LTE development, we believe that moving the 900 MHz band to market can be transformative.

We applaud the Commission for its efforts in this proceeding to date but suggest that speed is key. Accordingly, we respectfully request that you move quickly to facilitate the retuning and clearing of this band so that the potential benefits of this broadband option are immediately available for our critical infrastructure clients.

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Madsen", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Peter C. Madsen
President Encore Networks, Inc.